AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, from lines 7-10, with the following:

This invention is related to the inventor's application for "Method for Tag Growth Using Run Length Encoded Data", which has been assigned to the assignee of this invention, Application Number 10/607,688, which has been filed June 27, 2003[the same date as this application], and which is incorporated herein by reference.